I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United St. Postal Service as Express Mail EV671735236US in an envelope addressed to PCT/PTO 2 1 OCT 2005 Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on or before the date shown below. Julian 156 Barbara Fisher Date: October 21, 2005 THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re PCT International Application of BENZIE, Scott, Anthony, et al. Int. Appln No.: PCT/EP2004/050544 Intl. Filing Date: 16 April 2004 METHOD OF CREATING A BOREHOLE IN AN **EARTH FORMATION** October 21, 2005 COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Box PCT (DO/EO/US) Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Please replace the abstract with the following abstract: